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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Northern Arizona Director

Phoenix – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced the selection of Joanne Keene as Director of the Governor's Northern Arizona office. Ms. Keene will be based in Flagstaff.

"Ms. Keene will be a tremendous asset to my staff and to citizens throughout Northern Arizona," stated Brewer. "She has an impressive background with years of experience in the areas of legislation, public relations and strategic planning. This experience coupled with her knowledge of issues vital to Northern Arizona such as forest health and natural resources make her the perfect person for the job."

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Keene served as Director of Governmental Affairs for Coconino County. In that role, she directed all federal, state and local government relations for the county. She also represented Coconino County's interests before the United States Congress and the Arizona State Legislature.

She has extensive experience in the public sector, having served members of Congress in both Washington, DC and in the State of Arizona. In these roles, she established a solid foundation in constituent outreach and a specialization in the areas of natural resources, transportation, energy, judiciary and agriculture. In addition, she served as a legislative intern for Governor Fife Symington and spent two years as Public Information Officer for the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

Ms. Keene received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Broadcast Journalism from Northern Arizona University. She went on to receive her Certificate of Public Management from the Ramsey School at Arizona State University, and she is currently working toward her Masters of Public Administration at Northern Arizona University.

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